

# C2M Analysis on Select Channels with COM 4.5

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# Overview

- ❑ **COM settings and configurations**
- ❑ **Highlights of Kareti and Weaver channels**
- ❑ **COM results at  $DER0=2E-5$  with  $Eta0=1.25E-8$** 
  - Some results with  $DER0=2E-4$
- ❑ **COM results with increasing PCB loss**
- ❑ **CR support**
- ❑ **C2M/CR loss budget**
- ❑ **Summary.**

Note of cautions: results provided here are based on just released COM 4.5Beta3 and this is work in progress.

# COM Key Settings

## ❑ Analysis is preliminary based on recently released COM 4.5Beta3

- COM C2M is work in progress
- All results with MMSE local search taking ~5 min each
- Compared to COM 4.3 results are ~0.1 to 0.25 dB better

## ❑ Key COM parameters

- TX FFE configuration: 2 pre taps with one post, for configuration investigated pre/post taps were all 0
- ASIC is 30 or 45 mm Package B (high loss)
- CDR package 8 mm
- $\text{Eta0}=1.25\text{E-}8$  (considering CK  $\text{Eta0}=4.1\text{E-}8$ , dj C2M  $\text{Eta0}$  shouldn't be tighter than  $1.25\text{E-}8$ )
- $\text{DER0}=2\text{E-}5$ , some results with  $\text{DER0}=2\text{E-}4$
- $\text{gDC}\leq 5$  dB with  $\text{g\_DC\_HP}\leq 5$  dB, total CTLE gain was ~ 6 dB
- DFE max tap =0.75 (did not reach max for any of the cases)
- RX FFE configuration: 6 pre taps and with total of (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60) FFE taps.

# COM Config File

Table 93A-1 parameters			
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
f_b	106.25	GHz	
f_min	0.05	GHz	
peka_f	0.01	GHz	
C_d	[0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4; 0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
L_s	[0.130 15.0 14; 0.130 15.0 14]	nH	[TX RX]
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
R_d	[50 50]	Ohm	[TX RX]
R_s	50	Ohm	
<b>PKG_NAME</b>	<b>PKG_HIR_CLASSB_PKG_Module</b>		<b>TX RX</b>
A_v	0.413	V	rfd syntax
A_fe	0.413	V	rfd syntax
A_ne	0.608	V	rfd syntax
L	4		
M	32		
f_r	filter and Eq		
c(0)	0.55		*fb
c(1)	0.65		min
c(1)	[-0.3; 0.02; 0]		[min; step; max]
c(2)	[ 0; -0.02; 0.1]		[min; step; max]
c(3)	0		[min; step; max]
c(4)	0		[min; step; max]
c(1)	0		[min; step; max]
N_b	1	UI	
b_max(1)	0.75		As/dfe1
b_max(2..N_b)	1		As/dfe2..N_b
b_min(1)	0		As/dfe1
b_min(2..N_b)	-0.15	S	As/dfe2..N_b
g_DC	[-5; 1; 0]	dB	[min; step; max]
f_z	42.50	GHz	
f_p1	42.50	GHz	
f_p2	106.25	GHz	
g_DC_HP	[-5; 1; 0]		[min; step; max]
f_HP_PZ	1.328125	GHz	
Butterworth	1	logical	include in fr

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ckage_tl_gamma0_a1	[0.0005 0.00089 0.0002]		
package_tl_tau	0.006141	ns/mm	
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R_d	[50 50]	Ohm	[TX RX]
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I/O control			
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
DIAGNOSTICS	1	logical	
DISPLAY_WINDOW	1	logical	
CSV_REPORT	0	logical	
RESULT_DIR	.\results\C2M_(date)		
SAVE_FIGURES	0	logical	
Port Order	[1 3 2 4]		
RUNTAG	C2M TP1a_COM_model		
COM CONTRIBUTION	1	logical	
Operational			
ERL Pass threshold	10	dB	
COM Pass threshold	3	dB	
VEC Pass threshold	10.6973041		
DER_0	2.00E-05		
T_r	4.00E-03	ns	
FORCE_TR	1	logical	
Min_VEO_Test	0	mV	
PMD_type	C2M		
T_D	50	mUI	
samples_for_C2M	100	samples/UI	
EW	0		
MLSE	0		
ts_anchor	1		
sample_adjustment	[-12 12]		
LocalSearch	2		
FFE_OPT_METHOD	MMSE		FV-LMS or MMSE
num_ut_RXFF_nobe	1024		
Noise jitter			
sigma_RI	0.01	UI	
A_DD	0.02	V <sup>2</sup> /GHz	
eta_0	1.25E-08	dB	
SNR_TX	33		
R_LM	0.95		

baseline	
new	
relevant for RxFFE	
adjusted in experiment	

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Table 93A-3 parameters			
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
package_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[5e-4 0.00065 0.0003]		
package_tl_tau	0.006141	ns/mm	
package_z_c	[92.92; 70.70; 80.80; 100 100]	Ohm	
z_p(select)	[4]		rfd syntax
z_p(TX)	[8 24 30 45; 1.1 1.1; 1.1 1.1; 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5]	mm	rfd syntax
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Floating Tap Control			
N_bg	0	0 1 2 or 3 groups	
N_bt	4	taps per group	
N_f	120	UI span for floating taps	
b_maxg	0.2	max DFE value for floating taps	
B_float_RSS_MAX	0.1	rs tail tap limit	
N_tail_start	19	(UI) start of tail taps limit	
Filter: Rx FFE			
ffe_pre_tap_len	6	UI	
ffe_post_tap_len	18	UI	
ffe_pre_tap1_max	1	(normalized)	
ffe_post_tap1_max	1	(normalized)	
ffe_tap1_max	1	(normalized)	
TDR and ERL options			
TDR	1	logical	
ERL	1	logical	
ERL_ONLY	0	ns	
TR_TDR	0.01		
N	1000	logical	
TDR_Butterworth	1		
beta_x	0		
rho_x	0.618		
TDR_W_TXPKG	0	UI	
N_bx	20		
fixture delay time	[0 0]		
Tukey_Window	1		

SAVE_CONFIG2MAT		
Parameter	Setting	Information
Receiver testing	0	logical
RX_CALIBRATION	0	logical
Sigma BBN step	5.00E-03	V
ICN parameters		
f_v	0.588	Fb
f_f	0.278	Fb
f_n	0.278	Fb
f_2	58.438	GHz
A_ft	0.450	V
A_int	0.450	V

Parameter		
Parameter	Setting	Information
board_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[0.6 44084e-4 3.6036e-05]	1.4 db/in @ 53.125G
board_tl_tau	5.790E-03	ns/mm
board_z_c	95	Ohm
z_bp(TX)	125	mm
z_bp(NEXT)	125	mm
z_bp(FEXT)	125	mm
z_bp(RX)	0	mm
C_0	[0 0]	nF
C_1	[0 0]	nF
Include PCB	0	logical

Selections (rectangle, gaussian, dual_rayleigh, triangle)		
Parameter	Setting	Information
Histogram_Window_Weight	gaussian	selection
Qr	0.02	UI

# Issue with COM 4.5Beta3

## COM 4.5Beta3 doesn't read the NEXT parameters from the RX package

- If you have long package trace in the TX NEXT field then NEXT and contribution will be substantially lower
- Depending on the case channel/package combination there could be ~0.2 dB less penalty reported for limited set of channel considered here
- Short term workaround assuming ClassB PKG used for TX and Module PKG used for RX
  - Use identical TL parameters for PKG B and Module PKG
  - Copy z\_p(NEXT) from Module PKG to ClassB PKG
  - Alternatively, don't use two package models
- Results in this contribution correctly accounts for NEXT and would be somewhat more pessimistic because COM results include full impact of NEXT with the above workaround.

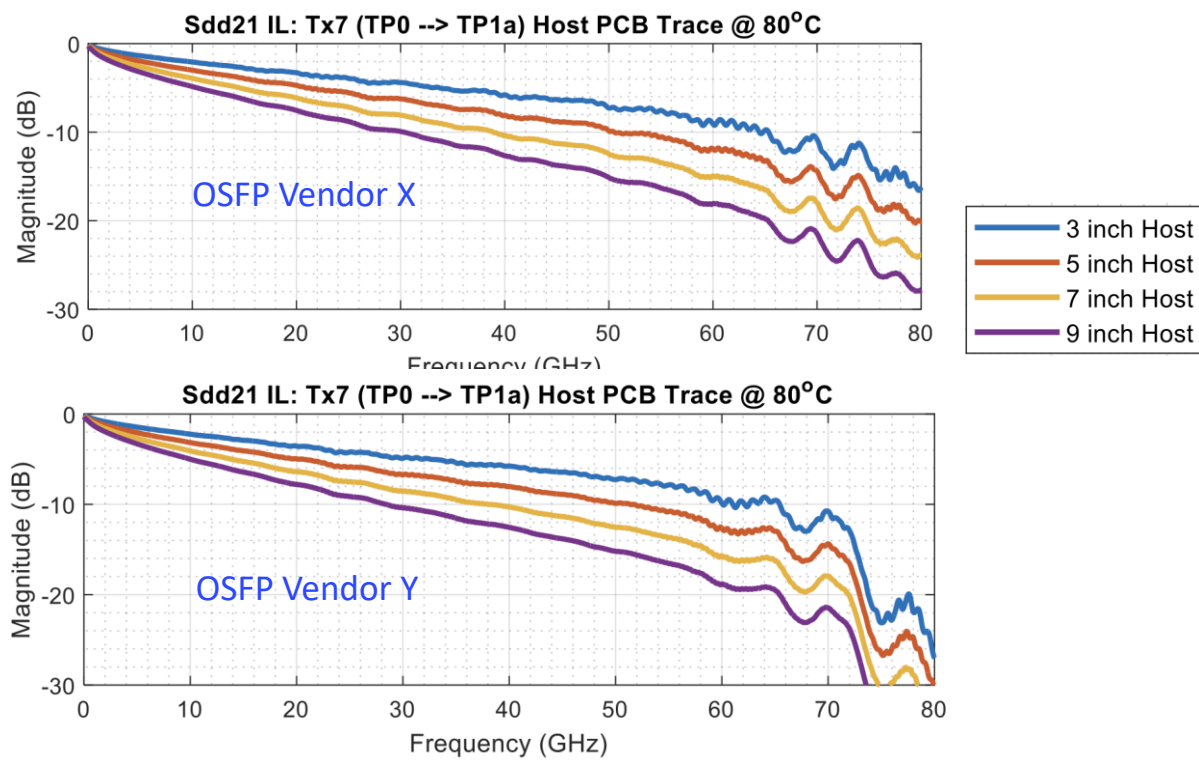
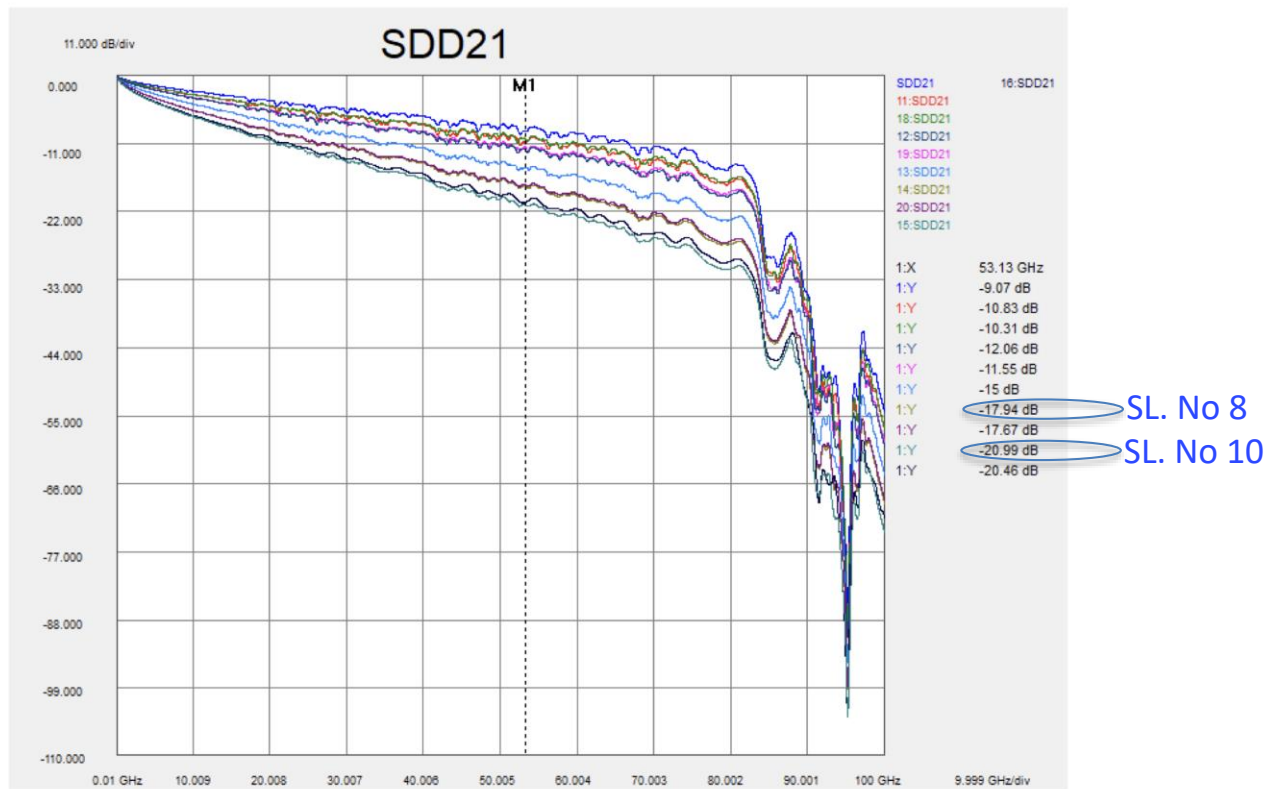
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# Channels for This Study

- ❑ [Kareti](#) SL. No 8 and 10 channels higher loss used for the study
- ❑ [Weaver](#) 9" OSFP channels vendor X and Y used for the study



# Highlighted Channel Parameters for This Study

## □ Key difference between Kareti and Weaver channels are:

- FOM ILD is much higher on Kareti channels
- ICN is much higher on the Weaver OSFP vendor X channel.

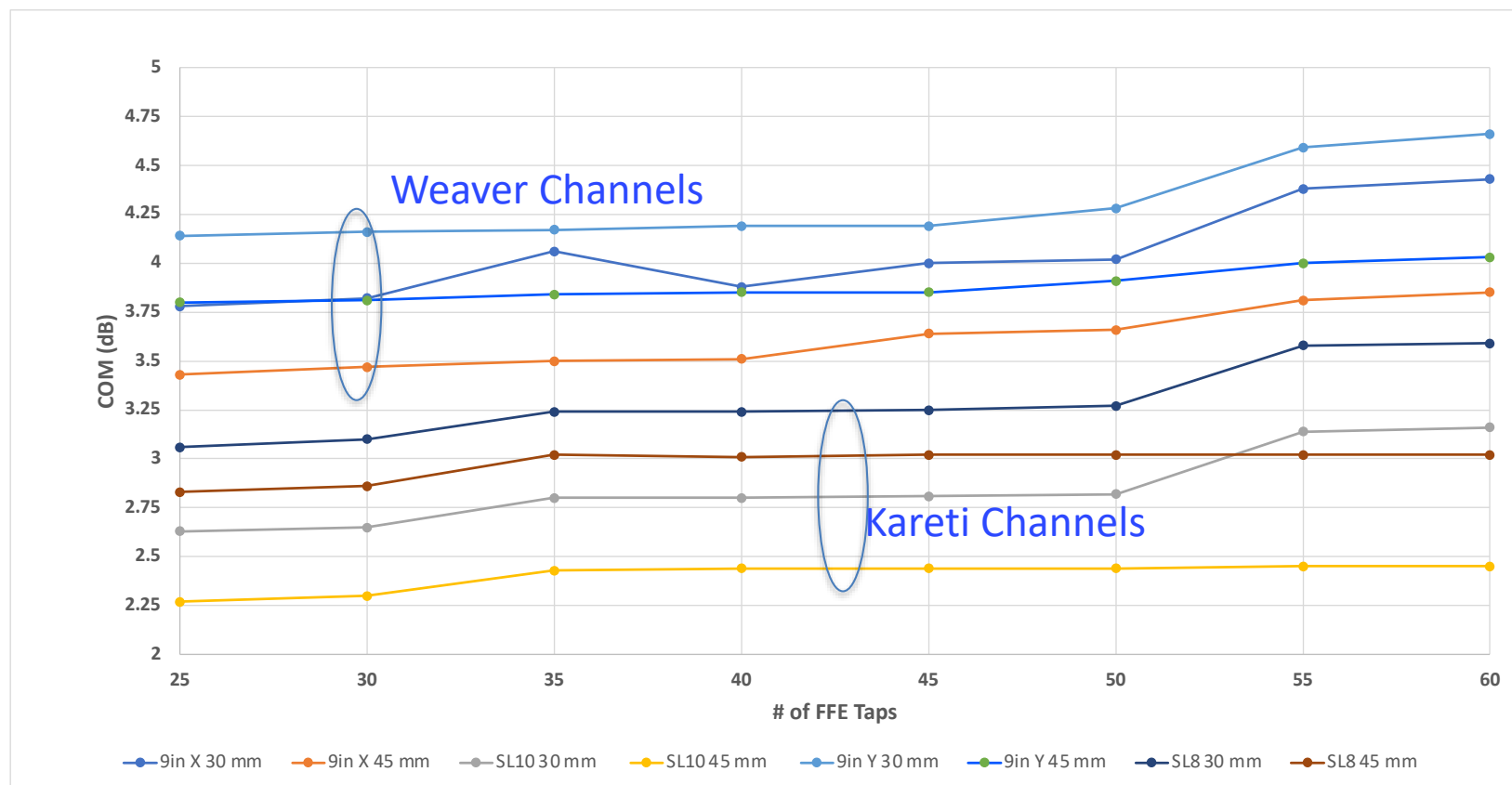
Channel	Trace Length (in)	Channel IL (dB)	ICN (mV)	FOM ILD	ERL11	ERL22	IL b-b with PKG B 30 mm+8mm CDR (dB)	IL b-b with PKG B 45 mm+8mm CDR (dB)
Kareti SL No 8	Unknown	17.9	1.37	0.147	16.8	15.9	26.4	29.1
Kareti SL No 10	Unknown	21.2	1.12	0.147	17.2	16.1	29.5	32.2
Weaver Vendor "X" OSFP Tx7	9	15.7	1.83	0.080	21.5	15.3	24.5	27.1
Weaver Vendor "Y" OSFP Tx7	9	16.1	1.03	0.074	21.8	15.8	24.6	27.2

# COM Results

- Results shown are with  $\text{Eta}_0=1.25\text{E-}8$ ,  $\text{Eta}_0=6\text{E-}9$  only improves COM by  $\sim 0.2$  dB
- Kareti SL No 8 with 45 mm package passes 3 dB COM for  $\geq 45$  taps, Kareti No 10 with 45 mm package doesn't pass 3 dB COM even with 60 tap FFE
  - Considering diminishing return increasing FFE taps, the higher loss Kareti channels require MLSE or terminating the FEC.

Kareti SL No. 8 and 10 Channels

Weaver 9" OSFP with Connector X and Y

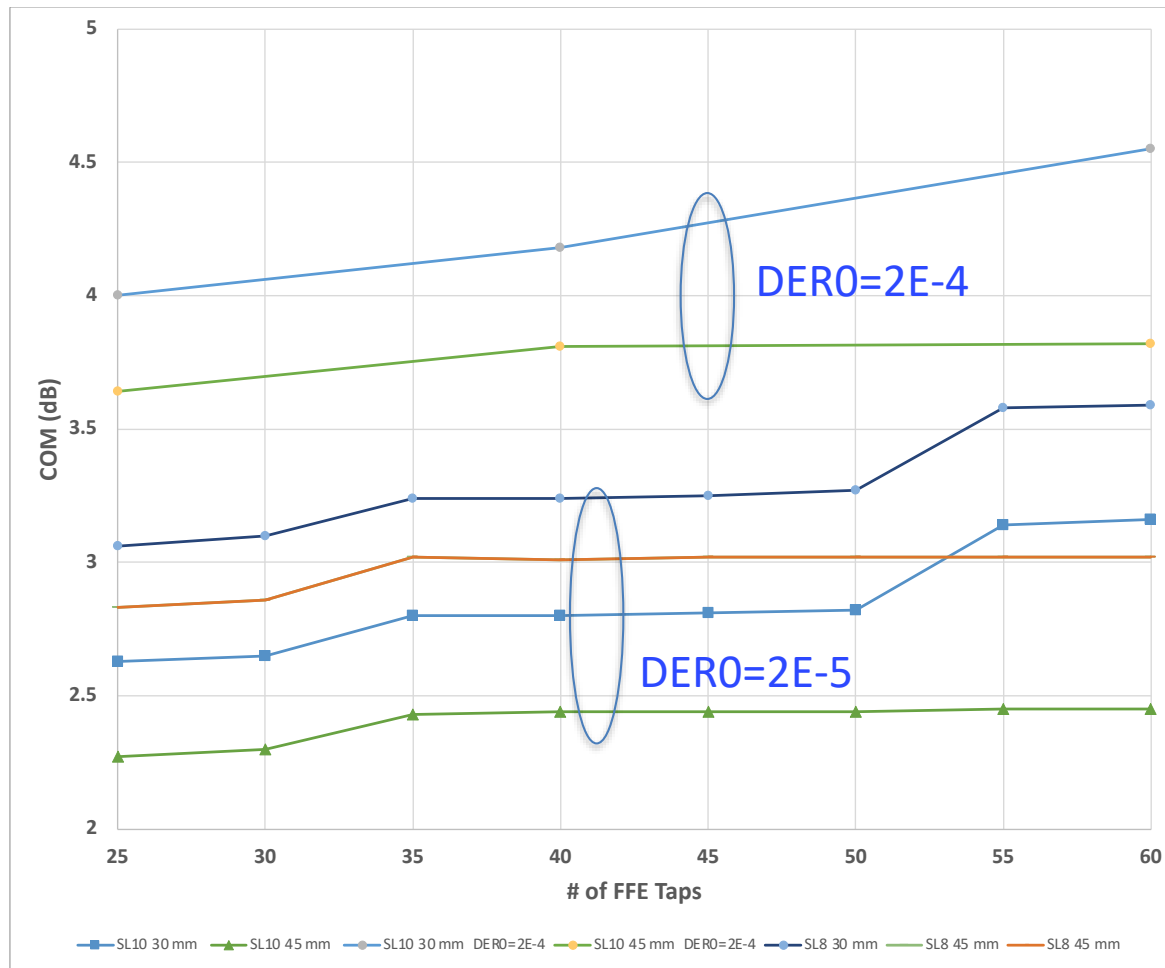




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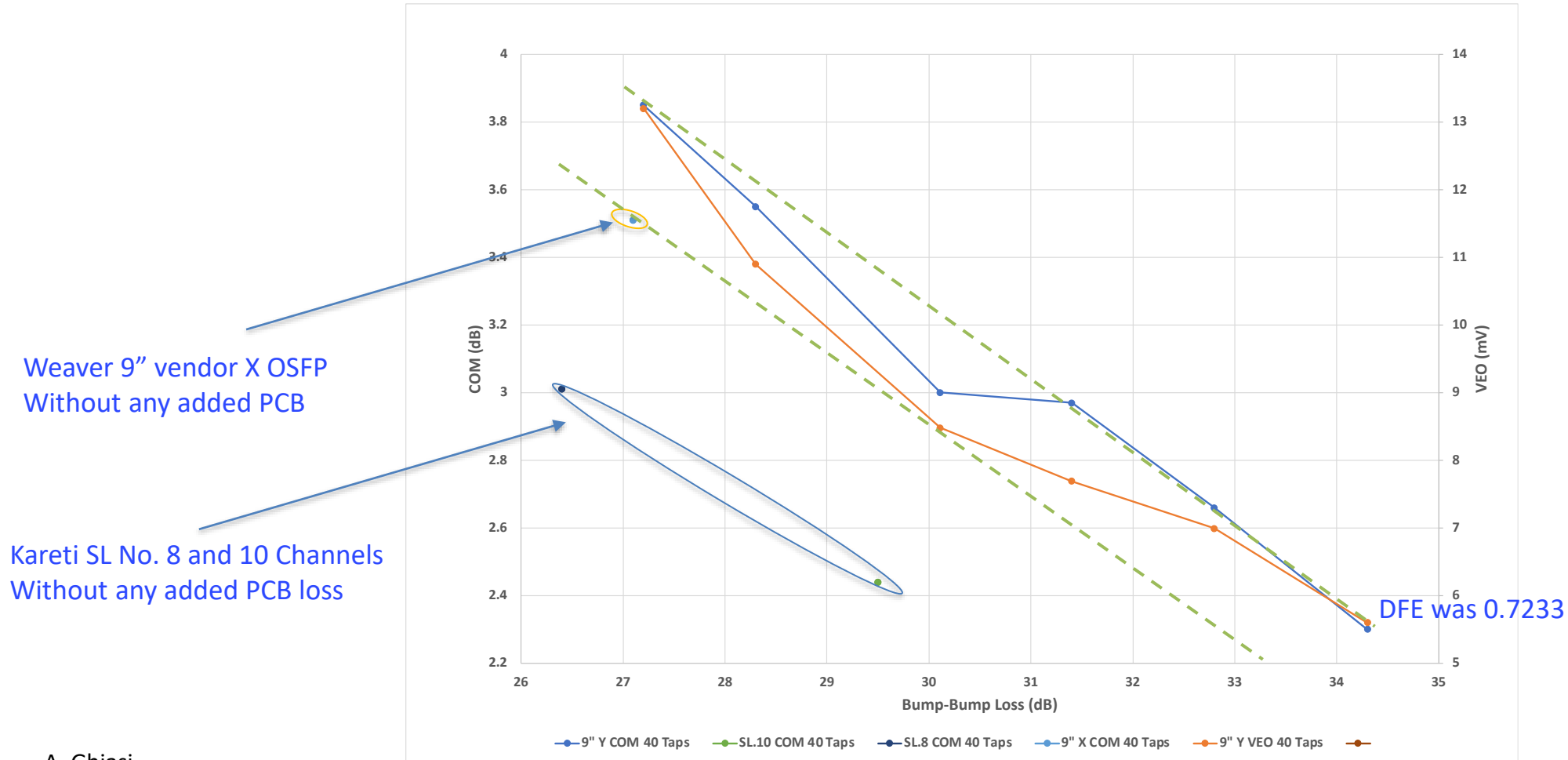
- Kareti channel COM results with addition of results for Kareti SL No 10 channel at  $DER0=2E-4$ 
  - The more challenging Kareti channel SL No 10 with  $DER0=2E-4$  has  $COM > 4$  dB even with 25 taps FFE!

Kareti SL No. 8 and 10 Channels  
All results are with  $\text{Eta0}=1.25E-8$



# Impact of Increasing Channel Loss on COM at DER 2E-5

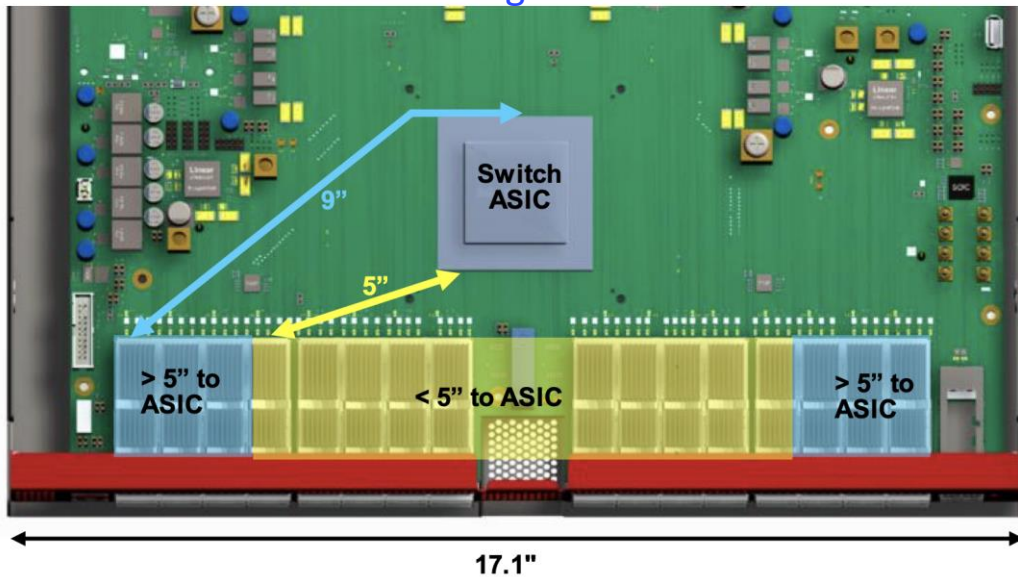
- Use one of the best channel the Weaver 9" with vendor Y OSFP (lower ICN) to study loss impact on COM by adding (25, 50, 75, 100, and 125 mm) PCB loss to the channel
  - Even for the best Weaver channel 3 dB COM is at 31.2 dB loss with ~77% of penalties dominated by System Noise/Jitter accounting!



# Revisiting C2M Application

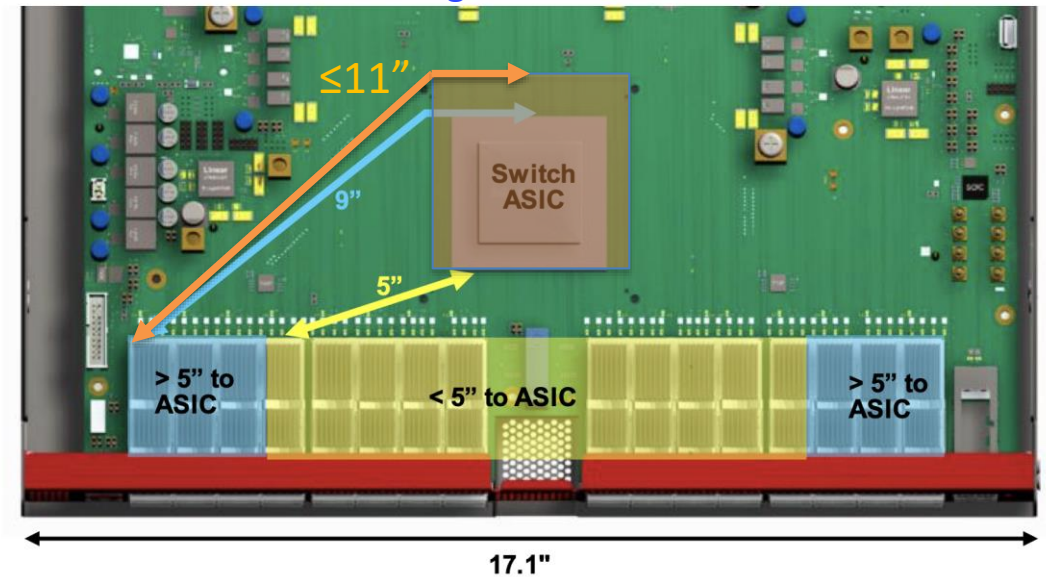
- ❑ In 802.3ck max C2M PCB length assumed was 9" per recommendation [stone 3ck 01a 0518](#)
  - In CL120G max host PCB loss was only 11.9 dB with assumed PCB loss ~1.2 dB/in
  - [weaver 3dj elec 01 230831](#) C2M channels go up to 9" and was stated during Q&A the upper limit for 512 lane switch PCB length is <10"
    - Any application needing more than 10" has the option to use cabled host or retimers
  - PCB length of 10" expect to cover common 512 lanes C2M switch implementations!

Stone Hypothetical 256 Lane Switch  
Package ~69x69



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Hypothetical 512 lane (102T) Switch  
Package ~90x90



# Half of the Switch Ports Must Support CR

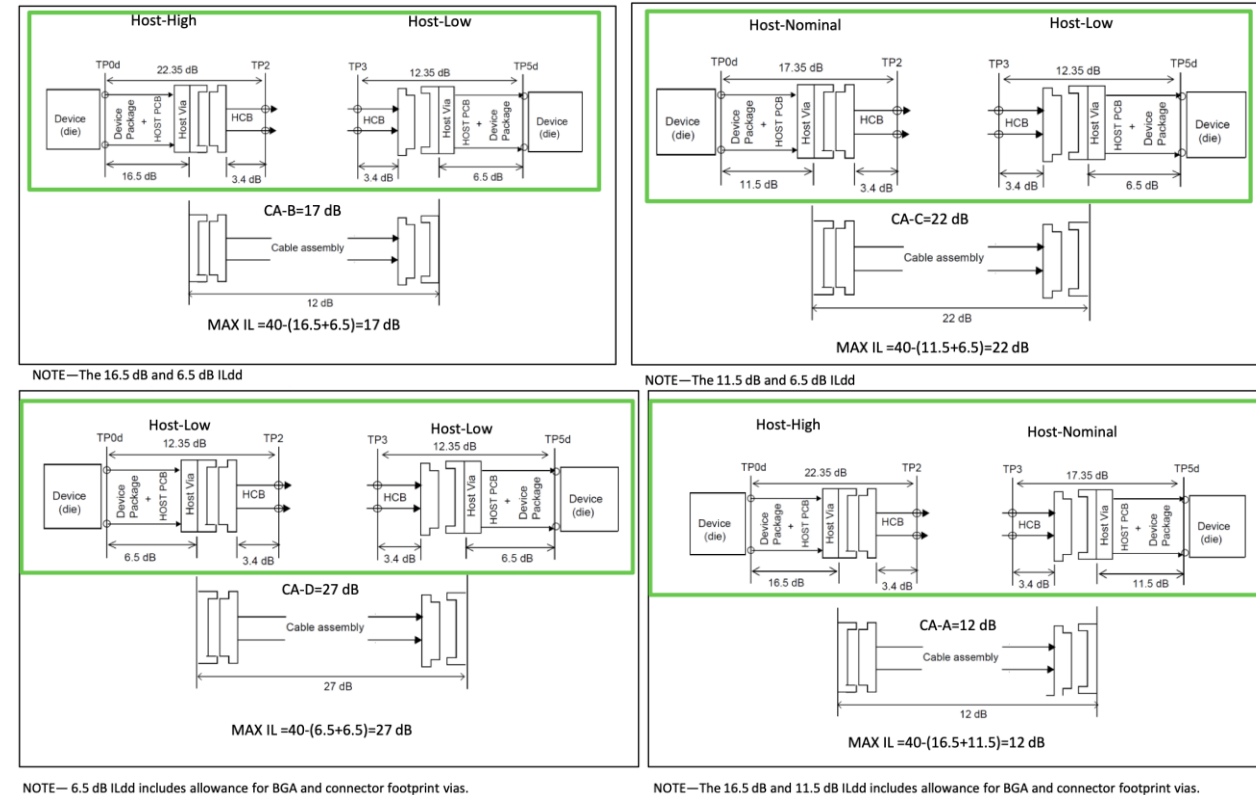
## □ A key takeaway from OFC 2024 was that Cu power is lowest and offer the lowest cost

- Near Margalit (Broadcom), Cu offer lowest power if meets the reach, OFC 2024 Rump Session
- Mark Nowell (Cisco), Lowering Power for AI/ML is critical and require maximizing Cu use in the rack, OFC 2024 DCS Panel II
- Craig Thomson (Nvidia), NVL72 Rack backplane based on 1.5 m passive Cu cable by maximizing single rack density with liquid cooling allow more nodes connected with Cu to lower PD, OFC 2024 DCS Panel I

## □ Pushing C2M/VSR bump-bump loss >30 dB is a futile effort as such product unlikely to support CR on 50% of the ports and will not have broad market potential but will increase C2M/VSR power

- CR high loss port TP0d-connector loss must be  $\leq 16.5$  dB (TP0d-TP2 $\leq 22.35$  dB) to support any Cu cable, see [tracy 3dj 01a 2311](#).

## 802.3 dJ CR Host and Cable Assembly Losses



Link Configurations IL (TX to RX)

Device Package + Host PCB	Host-Low 6.5 dB	Host-Nominal 11.5 dB	Host-High 16.5 dB	Cable Assembly	Insertion Loss Cable + 2*Connectors
Host-Low 6.5 dB	CA-A,B,C,D	CA-A,B,C	CA-A,B	CA-A	12 dB
Host-Nominal 11.5 dB	CA-A,B,C	CA-A,B	CA-A	CA-B	17 dB
Host-High 16.5 dB	CA-A,B	CA-A	not supported	CA-C	22 dB
				CA-D	27 dB

Proposed baseline content

# C2M Loss Budgets

- ❑ **Weaver 9" OSFP channels with package B (9.5 dB) have loss < 28 dB**
  - If one avoid connecting longest PCB trace to package trace then host PCB reach can be > 11"
- ❑ **The requirement to support CR on 50% of ports is much more challenging than limiting C2M loss to ≤28 dB**
  - Limiting C2M loss budget to 28 dB then it will also be aligned with the OIF EEI 224G-TRO half retime.

106 GBd PAM4	200G-C2M	200G-C2M	200G-C2M	200G-C2M	200G-CR Host-High
Channel IL C2M Bump-Bump (dB) Channel IL CR Bump-TP2 (dB)	28	30	32	34	22.35
TP0-TP1a IL (dB) Package A 33 mm (5 dB)	23	25	27	29	17.35
TP0-TP1a IL (dB) Package B 45 mm (9.5 dB)	18.5	20.5	22.5	24.5	12.85
Host PCB Loss (dB) Package A	16.4*	18.4*	20.4*	22.4*	11.5*
Host PCB Loss (dB) Package B	11.9*	13.9*	15.9*	17.9*	7*
Host PCB Length (in) Package A Assuming 1.4 dB/in	11.7 ✓	13.1 ✓	14.6 ✓	16 ✓	8.2
Host PCB Length (in) Package B Assuming 1.4 dB/in	8.5 ✓	9.9 ✓	11.4 ✓	12.8 ✓	5

\* Assumes connector loss=2 dB, HCB/Plug board loss=3.6 dB, 1 dB excess host via loss.

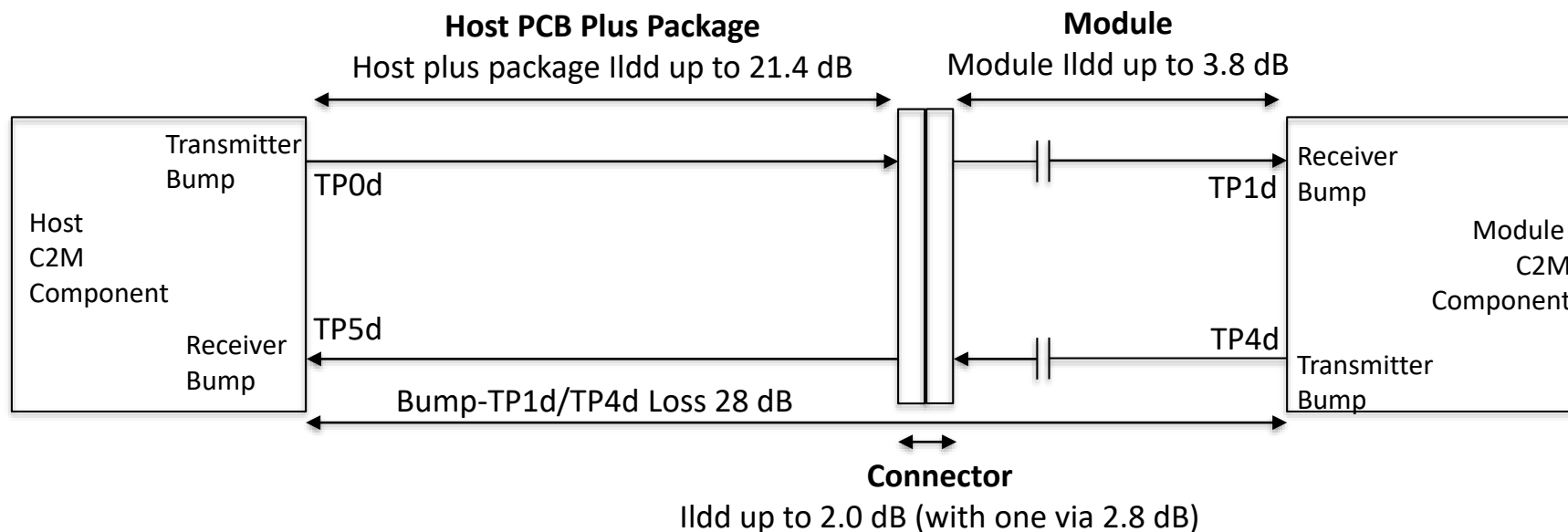
\*\* CR High Loss of 16.5 dB was used to determine host PCB losses.

**This is not the classic C2M Application!**

# AUI C2M Application Reference Model

## □ AUI C2M total loss for DJ proposed to be from TP0d(bump) -TP1d

- Recommend to use TP0d for host ASIC Tx bump and TP1d for HCB output test point
- Recommend to use TP5d for host ASIC Rx bump and TP4d for HCB input test point
- C2M max bump-bump TP0d -TP1d (TP4d-TP5d) loss  $\leq 28$  dB at 53.125 GHz.



# C2M Straw Proposal

- ❑ **Transmitter 4 tap FFE (pre/post taps are all zero with current COM code)**
  - $C(0)_{\min}=0.65$ ,  $C(-1)=[-0.2:0.02:0]$ ,  $C(-2)=[0:0.02:0.16]$ ,  $C(1)=[-0.16:0.02:0]$
- ❑ **Receiver 25 tap FFE+ 1T DFE**
  - With up to 6 pre-cursor
  - $DFE(\max) \leq 0.75$
  - $G_{DC\_HP} \leq -5$  dB
  - $G_{DC} \leq -5$  dB (generally zero)
  - $\text{Eta}0=1.25\text{E-}8$
- ❑ **Informative bump-bump channel loss  $\leq 28$  dB**
  - Exceeding 28 dB recommended loss budget is acceptable as long as TP1a VEO/VEC are compliant, and host tolerate TP4 signal
- ❑ **TP1a specifications with loss less than 30 dB and  $\text{Eta}0=1.25\text{E-}8$  can remain based on VEO/VEC but EECQ is alternate option that require more investigation**
  - $\text{VEO} \geq 8$  mV
  - $\text{VEC} \leq 10.7$  dB (COM= 3dB).

# Summary

- ❑ **Some preliminary results from COM 4.5Beta3 with MMSE evaluating two sets of dj submitted C2M channels targeting 102.4T switches**
  - Compared to [ghiasi 3dj 03a 2403](#) results with COM4.3, results from COM 4.5 are about 0.1-0.3 dB better
  - For channels evaluated TX FFE taps were all zero for nFFE+1TDFE receiver
- ❑ **C2M operating at DER0 of 2E-5 compared to KR at DER0 of 2E-4 adds about 2 dB of COM penalty**
  - As the loss increases > 30 dB at DER 2E-5 over 75% of penalties are due to noise and jitter so increasing equalizer length provide negligible improvement
  - Segmented FEC is best option for high loss channels
- ❑ **Solution space for practical FFE/DFE equalizers that operates at C2M DER0 of 2E-5 with > 30 dB of loss are limited**
  - Even Weaver OSFP vendor Y OSFP (ILD=0.074, ICN=1.03 mV) with added PCB loss starting failing ~32 dB
  - Weaver 9” channels with Package B (9.5 dB) has bump-bump loss of 27.2 dB, so is there a reason to go beyond 28 dB loss considering option of not connecting longest package trace to longest PCB trace exist
  - Considering strong demand to support CR with much more challenging loss budget on 50% of host ports there is no reason to push C2M loss >28 dB
- ❑ **Propose to adopt low power SerDes based on 25T-FFE/1TDFE reference receiver for C2M with informative bump-bump loss  $\leq 28$  dB**
  - With advances in PCB material, availability of high-volume material with DF<0.001, and HVLP4 foil with  $\sigma \sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ , [Weaver](#) PCB loss of 1.4 dB/in loss at 70 °C can be reduced to 1 dB/in.



# Contribution Addressing Following D1.0 Comments

- Comments 130 – CL 176E Loss budget**
- Comments 132 – CL 176E VEC/VEO**
- Comments 134 – CL 176E loss at Nyquist**
- Comments 138 – CL 176E TX FFE taps/range**
- Comments 140 – CL 176E reference equalizer**
- Comments 585 – CL 179A MCB loss.**
- Comments 586 – CL 179A HCB loss.**